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For : A METHOD FOR DETACHING AND RE-ATTACHING COMPONENTS
OF A COMPUTING PROCESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

3. (Amended-Clean Text) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a construct is formed for storing said sub-process, while said first process retains the process identity of said computing process.